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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2054

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: FORMATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT

REF: VIENTIANE 1940

1. ALTHOUGH HE STILL HAS A COLD, PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA HAS BEEN GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY HIS TALK WITH PATHET LAO REPRESENTATIVE PHOUN SIPRASEUTH ON MARCH 11. THE PRIME MINISTER IS NOW VERY CHEERFUL WITH REGARD TO THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE EARLY FORMATION OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT. IN A CONVERSATION THIS MORNING HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FORMED PRIOR TO LAO ARMY DAY (MARCH 23). HE SAID THAT THERE WERE SOME LOOSE ENDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FAR TROOP DEPLOYMENTS IN THE LUANG PRABANG AREA AND WITH REGARD TO THE JOINT POLICE FORCE IN VIENTIANE, BUT THAT THESE WOULD BE CLEARED UP IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

2. COMMENT: AS ALL OBSERVERS OF THE LAO POLITICAL SCENE WILL RECOGNIZE, THIS SUDDEN CHANGE OF MOOD IS PAR FOR THE COURSE. I
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AM STILL TAKING NO BETS ON THE PRECISE DATE ON WHICH THE GOVERN-

MENT WILL BE FORMED.
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